

# Model WTO 2019

## Applications are now open!

- Application Deadline: 13th of January, 2019
- Conference Topic: The Reform of the WTO
- Conference Dates: 5th - 12th of April 2019
- Location: St. Gallen & Geneva, Switzerland
- More info: [www.model-wto.org](http://www.model-wto.org)

To apply, please submit your CV and a  
Motivation Letter as separate PDF files to:  
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22<sup>nd</sup> Edition





# MODEL WTO

## Participant's Brochure

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# Vision

## Concept

The Model WTO is a student initiative that provides a unique opportunity for future decision-makers to face important global issues within the simulation framework of the WTO ministerial negotiations. Every year since 1997, students from all around the world are invited to Switzerland to debate and exchange creative ideas in the exceptional context of the World Trade Organization.

## Objectives

Our objective is to sensitise our student audience to the current issues of international trade, as well as to enable the participants to have a unique insight into the procedure required for adopting trade resolutions. In that sense, the Model WTO offers a remarkable experience for students to get involved in a high-level training and benefit from the expertise of WTO professionals. In addition, our goals are more than academic: we seek and encourage the exchange of knowledge, the meeting of international students from different backgrounds, and the active participation of young people in today's society.

## Organisation

The upcoming conference will be held from April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the campus of the University of St. Gallen as well as at the WTO Headquarters in Geneva. The event is organised by 8 students of the University of St. Gallen who are supported by an advisory board of experts in international trade to ensure the quality of the simulation. Moreover, the conference will be supervised by a team of 13 additional students from the University of St. Gallen who will undertake the role of Committee Chairpersons and will be actively involved in moderating the negotiations.

# Project



Date	5th - 12th April 2019
Location	St. Gallen - Geneva
Organising Committee	8 Students from HSG
Advisory Board	5 Experts in International Trade
Participants	72 International Students
Topic	The Reform of the WTO

# Topic – The Reform of the WTO

The discourse surrounding a reform of the World Trade Organisation has been rapidly developing. With the WTO dispute settlement system facing an imminent deadlock, and with rising trade tensions between major trading partners, the WTO is facing an existential crisis. Director General Roberto Azevêdo has emphasized the importance of a dialogue for this issue. *‘The state of this organization is an issue in which everyone has an interest, so it is important for all members to engage — whatever your perspectives may be.’*

As it is of global interest to discuss the current and future state of WTO, the 22nd Model WTO Edition will give participants the task of discussing the issue. With a focus on the negotiation and litigation aspects of the debate, the final goal of our conference will be to negotiate an **Agreement on the Reform of the World Trade Organisation.**





# Role of Participants

## Delegates

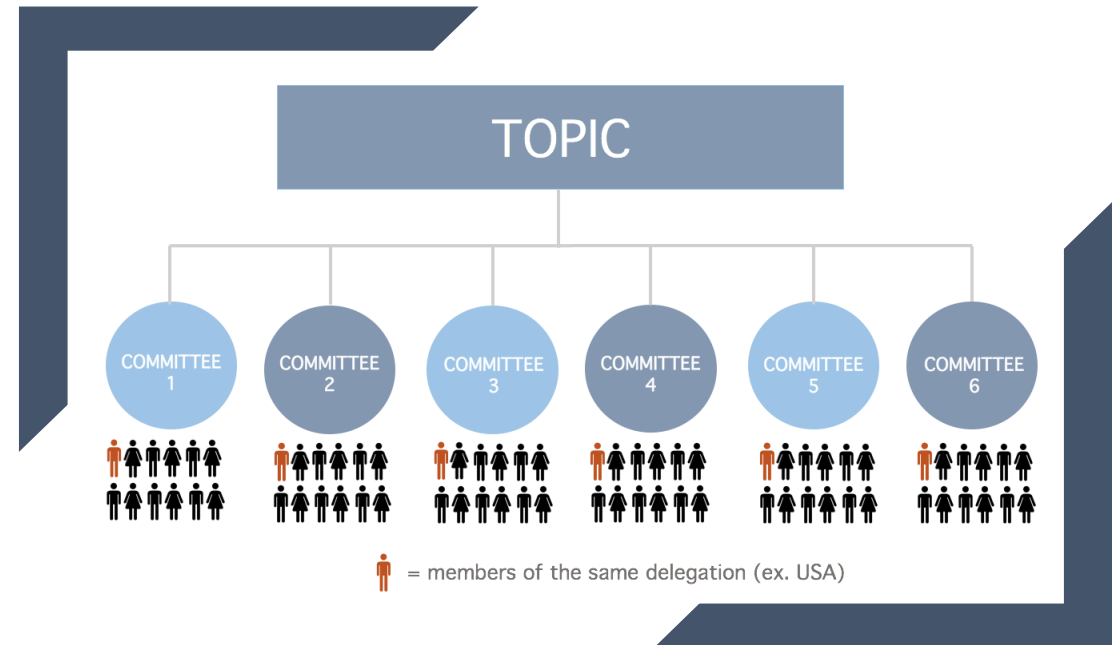
The role of the conference's participant is to represent the delegate of one of the 12 countries present in one of the 6 committees.

The delegate's main contribution comes during the negotiations of Committee resolutions during which participants are tasked with defending the views and interests of their represented countries.

## Head Delegates

Head Delegates represent a group of 6 participants that set the confidential negotiation goals for one of the 12 countries they represent.

At the beginning of the week, Head Delegates are responsible for aligning the position of the delegation for the conference's debates and negotiations.



# Further Information and Application Process

## Committees

The individual committees have not been determined yet, but will explore issues relating to negotiation and litigation within the WTO. Further updates can be found on our website and social media.

## Speakers

The speakers will be announced closer to the conference dates, please follow the announcements on our website and social media.

## Application Timeline













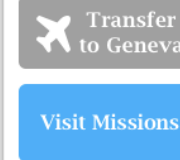

























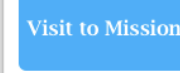



















Applicants will need to submit their CV and a Motivation Letter by the first deadline. The essay topic will be released prior to the final selection to provide applicants with the opportunity to prepare research for the essay. Following the final selection, participants must submit the payment for the participation fees within two weeks.

The participation fee has not yet been determined. For reference, last year's fees amounted to CHF 370.

Please submit your CV and Motivation Letter as two separate PDFs to [applications@model-wto.org](mailto:applications@model-wto.org) until the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2019.

# Provisional Week Outline

Friday April 5th	Saturday April 6th	Sunday April 7th	Monday April 8th	Tuesday April 9th	Wednesday April 10th	Thursday April 11th	Friday April 12th	
<p>Arrival in St. Gallen</p>  <p>Meet your host</p>								
	 Opening Ceremony					 Transfer to Geneva		<p>Transport to St. Gallen/Airport</p> 
	 Team Building					Visit Missions	Feedback Session With WTO Experts	
								
	Head Delegate Meeting	Head Delegate Meeting	Head Delegate Meeting	Head Delegate Meeting			Closing Ceremony	
	Workshop					Speakers at Geneva Institute		
	 Agenda Setting					Visit to Missions		
								
								

-  - Free Time
-  - Negotiations

# Previous Participants



“Nothing gives you a taste of real diplomacy quite like sitting in a negotiation room with twelve other delegates, hammering out a consensus document for hours at a time while fighting for the interests of your country, forming international alliances while diving into the nitty-gritty of legality and logistics, and meeting some truly exceptional people.”

**Yelong Zhu - Harvard University, USA**



“The Model WTO offers a unique opportunity to get an insight into the inner working of trade negotiations. The negotiation simulations were a unique experience to discuss and learn from exceptionally talented people from across the world.”

**Andrew Lunardi - Oxford University, UK**



“The Model WTO is run by a skillful team of students who demonstrate professionalism, commitment, and passion in arranging every detail of the Conference. The overall result is a week that definitely adds to your personal, academic, and professional spheres through a superb simulation.”

**César Andrés Peniche Luna - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico**



“For the students from least developed countries and developing countries, Model WTO is the best platform to grab the opportunity to learn about international trade scenario, and provides the opportunity to learn more about how loopholes in trade agreements can be negotiated.”

**Unnati Amatya - Tribhuvan University, Nepal**

# Prizes for Participants

## **Prize for Best Delegation\***

**One week of your choice at the WTI Summer Academy 2018 or MILE à la carte courses for the 6 best delegates, each a free course worth EUR 1,800**

Based on a multitude of criteria, the Model WTO Team, WTO Experts, the Chairs and your fellow participants will evaluate your performance and the performance of your country-colleagues during the week.

We will take a look on your arguments, your strategy but also how you involve other countries and if you really made relevant attempts to construct a consensus. It is a team event, so if you want to win, you need to make sure that your delegates in the other committees do well collectively.

## **Prizes For Best Essays\***

**Free courses at the IELPO LL.M. Program in Barcelona with a total value worth over EUR 3,000**

The best three essays will be awarded with free courses at the IELPO LL.M. Program in Barcelona.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

40 hours at IELPO – free choice from the whole variety of courses (value of 1.600 €)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes**

20 hours at IELPO – free choice from the whole variety of courses (value of 800 €)

\*Please note that these are the prizes from last year's conference, and are subject to changes.

# Advisory Board of the Model WTO



**Dr. Reto Malacrida**

Counsellor at the WTO Legal Affairs Division and part-time lecturer at the University of St. Gallen.



**Bernard Kuiten**

Head of External Relations at the WTO and Former First Secretary at the WTO Unit of the Dutch Permanent Representation in Geneva.



**Dr. Theresa Carpenter**

Executive Director of the Graduate Institute's Centre for Trade and Economic Integration.



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